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Dear Sir:

With reference to our response filed on May 7, 2004, enclosed please find a further response. Please confirm receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Kelman

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APPLICANT: J. SCHARMÜLLER EXAMINER: PAUL ROYAL
SERIAL NO.: 10/018,307 GROUP: 3611
FILED: OCTOBER 29, 2001
FOR: COUPLING DEVICE BETWEEN A TOWING VEHICLE, IN
PARTICULAR A FARM TRACTOR AND A TRAILER

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FURTHER RESPONSE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to the amendment filed May 10, 2004 and the petition for extension, the applicant is preparing evidence in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. If and when the Examiner considers the claims to be allowable over Colibert et al, he is respectfully requested to advise applicant's agent by telephone so that a suitable declaration may be submitted in case the Examiner still consider it to be necessary.

The Examiner's cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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